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NRC STAFF, FIRST ENERGY TO DISCUSS "SAFETY CULTURE" AT DAVIS-BESSE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission oversight panel, set up to coordinate the agency's activities associated with the reactor vessel head degradation at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, will meet with FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company officials on Thursday, January 30, to discuss the utility's plans for assessing the safety culture among the facility's staff. The plant, which has been shut down since February 16, is located in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. CST at the NRC's Region III office, 801 Warrenville Road, in Lisle, Illinois. Visitors should report first to the Second Floor reception area. The public is invited to observe the business portion of the meeting and will have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions of the NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned.

Interested individuals unable to attend may listen to the meeting via telephone by calling (888) 577-8995, and giving the password "Davis Besse." Cheryl Hausman is the teleconference coordinator. The meeting will also be available for viewing by video conference at the NRC Headquarters, Room O-3 B4, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will focus on the utility's proposed actions to address issues with the plant staff's "safety culture" and to evaluate changes in the culture.

The NRC oversight panel includes NRC management and staff from its Region III office in Lisle, Illinois; the NRC Headquarters office in Rockville, Maryland; and the NRC Resident Inspector Office at the Davis-Besse site.

Documents on the Davis-Besse corrosion issue, including further details on NRC's oversight panel activities, are posted on the NRC's web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov>. Select "Davis-Besse" from the Key Topics menu.

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